

Parish joins festivities



Greg Francis/Staff photographer

Right photo, St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, volunteer Faye Dombrowski (left), and parish accounting manager Joann Caratozzolo prepare a chicken dinner at St. Patrick's chicken barbecue tent in People's Park July 16, as part of Celebrate '98, held July 10-19 to observe the 150th anniversary of the first women's rights convention. Left photo, St. Patrick's youth group members, from left, Megan Burlingame, Christine Kriegelstein, Marge Giovannetti and Sarah Kriegelstein collect money for parking at a shuttle area off Route 414 that afternoon. About 50 parishioners helped at the barbecue, handed out flyers on Fall Street and collected money from parking.

Parish group fasts 40 days against violence

By Rob Cullivan
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Lent may be over this year for most of the church, but nine Auburn-area Catholics have committed to fasting for 40 days this summer to end violence in their lives.

The Catholics belong to the newly formed Spirituality of Non-Violence Study and Reflection Group, which consists of members of Sacred Heart Church, 90 Melrose Road, and its mission, St. Ann's Church in Owasco.

The nine group members began fasting on July 1, and will conclude their fast on Aug. 9, a day historically associated with violent acts, according to Judith Nichols, pastoral associate for both parishes and a member of the non-violence group.

Nichols noted that three significant events in particular occurred on Aug. 9.

On Aug. 9, 1942, Edith Stein, a Jew who converted to Catholicism and became a Carmelite nun, was killed at Auschwitz, a Nazi death camp in Poland.

In 1943, on that date, Franz Jagerstatter, an Austrian Catholic, was executed by the

German military for refusing to serve in it. He'd based his objection on his conviction that to do so would be to disobey Christ call to love one's enemies.

And on Aug. 9, 1945, a U.S. plane dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. The plane's crew had been blessed by Protestant and Catholic chaplains, and the crew used the Nagasaki Catholic cathedral as one of its target markings.

All three events were detailed in the book *August 9* by Father Emmanuel Charles McCarthy, a Byzantine Rite Catholic priest who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 for his work on Christian non-violence. Father McCarthy ran a retreat at Sacred Heart Church in March of this year, and his talks there inspired parishioners to form the non-violence group, Nichols said.

In its bi-monthly meetings, Nichols noted, the group concluded that its members needed to deal with violence in their own lives if they were to deal with violence in the world. The meetings take place every second and fourth Sunday of the month from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

"We tend to see violence as 'out there,'" Nichols said. "(But) it always come back to the individual, to the violence in our own hearts."

For example, she said, members of the group are fasting not only from certain foods, but from talking badly about people, from yelling at their children, from watching violent TV programs. As for herself, Nichols said she is abstaining from meat and dairy products for 40 days to honor her teenage daughters Allison and Brianna who are both vegetarians and animal rights advocates.

"I think it's really wonderful that they're willing to make sacrifices to change their lives," she said.

Nichols added that the fast has cleared her own thinking on violence.

"I think it keeps in my consciousness the reality of violence and the legacy of violence," she said.

She added that the group is still discussing how to mark the end of the fast. The group may either hold its own event or ask the parishes to note the fast's end during Masses on Aug. 9, she said.

Sister Doris McCarthy celebrates golden jubilee

Sister Doris McCarthy, a Victor native, celebrated her golden jubilee as a sister of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Cenacle July 11 in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

She entered the novitiate in 1948 and made her final vows in 1956 at the Cenacle Convent in Middletown, Conn.

Sister McCarthy grew up in St. Patrick's Parish, Victor. She graduated from Bloomfield High School, and worked at

Eastman Kodak Co., among other places.

After joining her order, Sister McCarthy served at the former Cenacle Convent on Rochester's East Avenue, 1956-58 and 1965-70. She also had been stationed at Cenacle houses in Lake Ronkonkoma; Brighton and Lancaster, Mass.; Middletown; Mount Kisco, N.Y.; and New Brunswick, N.J. She worked in food service, with retreatants, in the sacristy, and

in office and infirmary positions.

Sister McCarthy's golden jubilee Mass was celebrated by Father John Morgan, her spiritual director when she entered the Cenacle. Her sister Veronica McCarthy Condon, and more than 30 nieces, nephews and other friends attended. Sister McCarthy retired from active ministry in 1995, and lives at the Lake Ronkonkoma Convent.

Recognizing

★ Sister Marie Burns, DC, chairwoman of the Unity Health System board of directors, has been elected chairwoman of the Hospital Consortium of Greater Rochester board of directors.

★ Stacie Welch, a second-grader at Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral School, is the New York champion for her grade level in the National Handwriting Contest. Stacie received her state award at the school May 18.

★ Timothy Dwyer, diocesan superintendent of schools, and Sister Elaine Englert, SSJ, the diocese's assistant superintendent for the Wegman Inner City Voucher Program schools, spoke about WIN at a symposium held July 9-12 at Boston College, co-sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association.

Spanish officers named

Father Jesus Flores, who has been part-time associate director for the Office of the Spanish Apostolate for the past year, has been named interim director while the search for a permanent director continues.

In addition, Lourdes DeChateauvieux, bilingual secretary and translator for the apostolate for six years, is serving a new half-time position as associate to the director.

Brother Luis Ruberte, H.Ch., retired June 30 after directing the apostolate for 17 years.

Father Flores will continue to provide migrant camp Masses and pastoral services in Wayne and Ontario counties and in the Brockport area, and as an associate sacramental minister at St. Mary of the Lake Church in Ontario. He will also continue as an instructor for the Hispanic ministry "Instituto" and diaconate program at St. Bernard's Institute.

DeChateauvieux was the Hispanic representative to the Synod Planning Commission and has 25 years of volunteer experience with the apostolate.

obituary

Marie D. McGrath, 90

Marie Dollard McGrath, a cousin of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and Father Michael C. Hogan, died June 21, 1998, at Genesee Hospital in Rochester. She was 90.

Josephine Hamilton, the daughter of Philip and Margaret (Hogan) Dollard, was McGrath graduated from Brockport College in 1949. She completed graduate studies at the University of Rochester in the 1950s.

Mrs. McGrath taught for two years in the East Rochester school system before marrying. She then taught as a substitute for several years in both Catholic and public schools. She later was a teacher for the Rochester City School District.

Mrs. McGrath liked "good music, gardening and art work," according to her daughter, Margaret.

Mrs. McGrath is survived also by her brothers Francis, Vincent and Eugene Dollard, as well as several in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. McGrath's funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church in Rochester by Fathers Hogan, Lawrence Murphy and William Amann.

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